

Notes 1974 Polar Regions

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SOUTH GREENLAND

A Cambridge expedition of 9, led by R. D. Hoare, climbed from 3 base camps—the first on the E side of Kangarsuneq quingordleq, the second on the S side of Nup Kangerdlua and the third on the island of Pamiagdhluk, directly S of the village of Augpilagtoq. The expedition was in the field from 24 July to 28 August; they enjoyed good weather and climbed 21 new summits (mostly around 1500 m) and made a number of second ascents (Difficulties mainly Grade II but some Grade IV rock and ice. The most difficult climb P1300 m, VI and A2 is described on p 203).

An Austrian party of 6 led by Tom Abermann spent July at the head of Tasermiut Fjord, climbing a large number of peaks in mixed weather.

A large party from CAF Section Paris–Chamonix visited Tasermiut in August. The large W face of P2100 m was attempted.

ANTARCTICA

The 2nd Italian Antarctic Expedition visited regions near the 4000 m Royal Society Range, including the Taylor and Wright dry valleys and the Blue Glacier region. Their main work was geological but some members of the expedition were able to climb and Ignazio Piussi and Colin Monteath completed the first ascent of the 600 m W face of the Obelisk (c 2300 m). This peak in the Asgard Range, Wright Valley, has only been climbed once before, by its S ridge, several years ago by a New Zealand party led by T. Chinn. Mattei Clemente, Piussi and Monteath then attempted a very long new route up the SE ridge of Mount Lister (c 4000 m) in the Royal Society Range, but turned back after 2 days with several thousand ft of ridge still to climb. This range has 6 or 7 peaks of 4000 m rising from the McMurdo Sound coast with many unclimbed routes rising almost straight from the sea ice.